AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ method ~~according to claim 4~~ for preventing robots from browsing a Web site beyond a welcome page, said method in said Web site comprising the steps of:

receiving an initial request from an undefined originator and responding to said initial request with a challenge that prompts a response from said undefined originator; and

receiving a response from said undefined originator and checking said response to determine whether said challenge is fulfilled; and

if said challenge is fulfilled:

processing any further requests; and

if said challenge is not fulfilled:

stopping processing of any further requests, wherein said step of stopping processing of said further requests includes the further step of:

dropping or redirecting a TCP connection established with said undefined originator

logging a source IP address of said undefined originator and starting a timer,

further including steps upon receiving a new request ~~[410]~~ of:

checking ~~[420]~~ whether a source IP address of said new request matches said logged source IP address; and

if said source IP address matches said logged source IP address:

checking [430] whether said timer has expired and, if said timer is expired, resetting [40] said logged IP address; and

proceeding [450] normally with said new request; and

if said timer is not expired, dropping or redirecting said TCP connection [460];

if said source IP address does not match said logged source IP address, proceeding [450] normally with said new request and executing all the above steps with each newly received request [410].

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of~~ claim 6 ~~claims 2-6~~ wherein:

said challenge includes prompting said undefined originator to perform a specific action ~~[130]~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of~~ claim 6 ~~claims 2-6~~ wherein:

said prompting is different at each subsequent access of said web site.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 7 wherein:

said prompting is different at each subsequent access of said web site.

10. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of the previous~~ claim 6 ~~claims 2-6~~ wherein:

said response includes making a choice among a plurality of prompted response options [120].

11. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 7 wherein:

said response includes making a choice among a plurality of prompted response options [120].

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8 wherein:

said response includes making a choice among a plurality of prompted response options [120].

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 9 wherein:

said response includes making a choice among a plurality of prompted response options [120].

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of the previous~~ claim 6 ~~claims 2-6~~, wherein said response includes an answer to a quiz [510].

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 7, wherein said response includes an answer to a quiz [510].

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein said response includes an answer to a quiz [510].

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein said response includes an answer to a quiz [510].

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein said response includes an answer to a quiz [510].

19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein said response includes an answer to a quiz [510].

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein said response includes an answer to a quiz [510].

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein said response includes an answer to a quiz [510].

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of the previous~~ claim 6 ~~claims 2-6~~, wherein said response is suggested by textual meaning [530].

23. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 7, wherein said response is suggested by textual meaning [530].

24. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein said response is suggested by textual meaning [530].

25. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein said response is suggested by textual meaning [530].

26. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein said response is suggested by textual meaning [530].

Claims 27-31 (Cancelled)

32. (Current Amended) A computer process ~~according to claim 31,~~ for preventing robots from browsing a web site beyond a welcome page, comprising computer-executable steps of:

receiving an initial request from an undefined originator and responding to said initial request with a challenge that prompts a response from said undefined originator; and

receiving a response from said undefined originator and checking said response to determine whether said challenge is fulfilled; and

if said challenge is fulfilled:

processing any further requests; and

if said challenge is not fulfilled:

stopping processing of any further requests, wherein said step of stopping processing of said further requests includes the further step of:

dropping or redirecting a TCP connection established with said undefined

originator

logging a source IP address of said undefined originator and starting a timer,

further including computer-executable steps for:

checking [420] whether a source IP address of said new request matches said logged

source IP address; and

if said source IP address matches said logged source IP address:

checking [430] whether said timer has expired and, if said timer is expired, resetting [40]

said logged IP address; and

proceeding [450] normally with said new request; and

if said timer is not expired, dropping or redirecting said TCP connection [460];

if said source IP address does not match said logged source IP address, proceeding [450]

normally with said new request and executing all the above steps with each newly received

request [410].

33. (Currently Amended) A computer process according to any one of claim 32 claims

28-32, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to perform a specific action.

34. (Currently Amended) A computer process according to any one of claim 32 claims

28-32, further including computer-executable steps for:

changing said prompting at each access of said website.

Claim 35 (Cancelled)

36. (Currently Amended) A computer process according to ~~any one of~~ <u>claim 32</u> ~~claims 28-32~~, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response chosen from among a plurality of prompted response options.

37. (Original) A computer process according to claim 33, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response chosen from among a plurality of prompted response options.

38. (Original) A computer process according to claim 34, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response chosen from among a plurality of prompted response options.

39. (Original) A computer process according to claim 35, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response chosen from among a plurality of prompted response options.

40. (Currently Amended) A computer process according to ~~any one of~~ <u>claim 32</u> ~~claims 28–32~~, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response that is an answer to a quiz.

41. (Original) A computer process according to claim 33, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response that is an answer to a quiz.

42. (Original) A computer process according to claim 34, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response that is an answer to a quiz.

43. (Original) A computer process according to claim 35, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response that is an answer to a quiz.

44. (Original) A computer process according to claim 36, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response that is an answer to a quiz.

45. (Original) A computer process according to claim 37, further including computer-executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response that is an answer to a quiz.

46. (Original) A computer process according to claim 38, further including computer-executable steps for:

    prompting said undefined originator to make a response that is an answer to a quiz.

47. (Original) A computer process according to claim 39, further including computer-executable steps for:

    prompting said undefined originator to make a response that is an answer to a quiz.

48. (Currently Amended) A computer process according to ~~any one of~~ <u>claim 32</u> ~~claims 28-32~~, further including computer-executable steps for:

    prompting said undefined originator to make a response based upon the knowledge content of said prompt.

49. (Original) A computer process according to claim 33, further including computer-executable steps for:

    prompting said undefined originator to make a response based upon the knowledge content of said prompt.

50. (Original) A computer process according to claim 34, further including computer-executable steps for:

    prompting said undefined originator to make a response based upon the knowledge content of said prompt.

51. (Original) A computer process according to claim 35, further including computer executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response based upon the knowledge content of said prompt.

52. (Original) A computer process according to claim 36, further including computer executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response based upon the knowledge content of said prompt.

53. (Original) A computer process according to claim 37, further including computer executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response based upon the knowledge content of said prompt.

54. (Original) A computer process according to claim 38, further including computer executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response based upon the knowledge content of said prompt.

55. (Original) A computer process according to claim 39, further including computer executable steps for:

prompting said undefined originator to make a response based upon the knowledge content of said prompt.